



**Lehigh Valley Planning Commission**

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**LEHIGH VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes from the Thursday, August 30, 2018 Meeting**

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission’s conference room located at 961 Marcon Boulevard, Suite 310, Allentown, PA.

Mr. Repasch chaired the meeting.

Ms. Leonard took Roll Call – Quorum Obtained.

**Members in Attendance:**

**Lehigh County**

Percy Dougherty, Steve Glickman, Kent Herman, Rick Molchany, Christina Morgan, Owen O’Neil, Kathy Rader, Stephen Repasch, Kevin Schmidt and Donna Wright.

**Northampton County**

Debra Bodine, Gordon Campbell, Eugene Clater, Janell Connolly, Malissa Davis, Liesel Dreisbach, Robert Lammi, William McGee, Pamela Pearson, Tina Roseberry, Tina Smith, Gerald Yob and Greg Zebrowski.

**Members Absent:**

**Lehigh County**

Phillips Armstrong, Bob Elbich, Mike Gibson, Julio Guridy, Dennis Hower, Miriam Huertas, Marty Nothstein, Ray O’Connell, Douglas Stewart and Chris Weaver.

**Northampton County**

John Diacogiannis, Robert Donchez, Charles Elliott, Darlene Heller, Jamie Horvath, Kevin Lott, Shawn Martell, Lamont McClure and Salvatore Panto.

**Staff Present:** Matt Assad, Becky Bradley, Whitney Burdge, Mike Donchez, Denise Leonard, Teresa Mackey, Tracy Oscavich, Chandra Parasa, Amanda Raudenbush, Geoff Reese, Jill Seitz, and John von Kerczek.

**Public Present:** None

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR:** No Comments

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** None

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Repasch stated that the minutes of the July 26, 2018 LVPC meeting are attached. Mr. Glickman made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Pearson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

### **Comprehensive Planning Committee**

#### *1. Ordinance/Plan Reviews Summary Sheet*

Ms. Wright referred the commission to the summary sheet for an overview of the staff comments on other proposed actions requiring LVPC review. Ms. Wright made a motion to accept the staff comments as presented. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Environment Committee:**

#### *1. Allen Township – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan*

Ms. Mackey presented on the Allen Township – Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan reviewed and found to be generally consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan The Lehigh Valley.....2030*. Ms. Mackey reviewed several of the items noted in response to the submission including: the amount of parkland that is needed in the Township should be clarified, consider conducting a parks and recreation survey of Township residents so they are able to determine the amount of land that will be needed, update the Township's official map with any changes, use the *Lehigh Valley Return on Environment (2014)* in lieu of the 2001 Oregon study referenced in the plan and work with Northampton County to plan connections to the Nor-Bath trail. Mr. Glickman made a motion to accept the staff comments as presented. Mr. Molchany seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### *2. Hazard Mitigation Plan*

Mr. Reese presented an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration of the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan following plans from 2006 and 2013. The plan was submitted to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency on Tuesday, August 21 and we received an update on Tuesday, August 28 from the reviewer indicating that he has no required revisions. The next step in the process is to make a printed copy of the document for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency including the individual municipal annexes which will be submitted Friday, August 31. At least one municipality must adopt the plan by October 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure the plan remains in effect and any of these communities can receive FEMA funding for projects included in their annexes.

### ***Sidebar Discussion:***

#### ***Pennsylvania Solar Future Plan***

Mr. Reese provided a recap of the discussion which took place on Tuesday, August 28 during the Environment Committee Meeting on the Statewide Solar Plan. The Plan is being used to determine what the future should be in terms of its reliance on solar for generating electricity into the future. It is a very aggressive plan trying to get 10% of Pennsylvania's generation to be solar by 2030 which currently is at 0.25%.

### **Transportation Committee**

#### ***1. 2017 – 2018 LTAP Annual Report***

Mr. Hite provided an overview of the 2017 – 2018 Local Technical Assistance Program Annual Report; PennDOT's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The program shares transportation knowledge, improves road maintenance and safety skills and put research and new technology into practice at the local level through training at LVPC. Accomplishments this year includes: 407 students registered, 338 attended a class, 13 classes were held at LVPC, LVPC had the highest per class attendance average in the state and 14 road scholars in Lehigh Valley.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***1. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual LVPC Gala & Awards – October 10, DeSales University***

Ms. Oscavich provided an update on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual LVPC Gala and Awards on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The invitations are currently at the printer and judging is underway for all categories. Ms. Bradley also provided an update on this year's Community of Distinction Award which is the big award at the Gala.

#### ***2. FutureLV***

##### ***a. Scenarios***

Ms. Raudenbush presented the results of the FutureLV: Working Group meeting last week. Scenarios is an educational and dialogue tool used to understand the cost benefits of decisions that we make related to land use. Scenarios are view through a macro lens of a possible future. Scenarios are not a definite prediction, a quantified model, ridged and unchangeable or a final destination. The presentation detailed the affected areas and the next steps that can be taken.

##### ***b. Planning Action Team Meetings***

Ms. Bradley provided an update on the Planning Action Team Meetings taking place in September & October. These are municipality visits scheduled to discuss their needs. The meetings are critical to the Comprehensive Plan and critical to the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. These are advertised meetings geared toward township supervisors, borough council, etc. Notifications are in the process of being sent.

3. *Lehigh Valley Business Journal Chief Financial Officer of Year Award*

Ms. Bradley announced that Bruce Rider has been nominated by LVPC and has been awarded the CFO of Year – Best Turnaround Specialist. LVPC has seats open for the award ceremony on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. *2018 Web Hits (Mid-Year Report)*

Ms. Bradley provided a mid-year report of the 2018 Web Hits which outlined what people are interested with regards to the LVPC website. In the first six months of 2018 the top five landing pages were: Homepage (8,635 hits), 2018 Eastern PA Freight Summit Landing Page (1,746 hits), Transportation Improvement Program Landing Page (1,326 hits), Hazard Mitigation Landing Page (1,210) and Municipal Profiles Landing Page (series of date points) (1,060 hits).

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION:**

Ms. Bradley recapped the upcoming Public Engagement and Participation Events:

1. *Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Energy and Environment Outlook and Expo, Lehigh Valley Sustainability Summit.*

Mr. Reese will be speaking on MS4 and Stormwater at the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Energy and Environment Outlook and Expo.

2. *Women in Transportation and Government*

The date has been set for the Women in Transportation and Government Event. Secretary Richards is available on November 27. Please mark your calendars.

3. *Lehigh Valley Government Academy @ LVPC Office – 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

- Community Planning – Thursday, September 6, 13, 20
- Zoning Administration – Thursday, October 16, 23, 30
- Subdivision and Land Development Review – Thursday, November 1, 8, 15

Classes kick off next with Community Planning. If anyone is interested in signing up the Commission will cover your costs for attendance.

4. *Local Technical Assistant Program (LTAP) @ LVPC Office*

- Road Safety Audit – September 11 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Project Overview – September 13 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- Salt and Snow Management – Will now be held on November 13 @ City of Allentown

Come to the Road Safety Audit; our Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan effort kicks off on September 26.

5. *2018 Eastern PA Greenways & Trails Summit*

Several LVPC staff members will be speaking at the 2018 Eastern PA Greenways & Trails Summit on October 1 – 2.

6. *2018 PA Brownfields Conference*

Ms. Bradley will be speaking at the 2018 PA Brownfields Conference on October 1 – 3.

7. *Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce with LVPC, BUILDLV Annual Development Report and Outlook*

LVPC's annual real estate outlook event with the GLVCC around this time of the year. This is being used as the rollout of LVPC's version 2.0 of the DataLV which includes commuter data, transportation travel pattern information and equity and environmental justice metrics.

**Adjournment**

With no further business Mr. Molchany made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wright seconded the motion.

Submitted by:

Becky Bradley, AICP, Executive Director and  
Denise Leonard, Executive Administrative Assistant